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COMING IN NEXT ISSUE! Expose on Ronald Kelly! More on the NADPS #1 Results! Chapter Six of Dippworld! Solitary Confinement continued! Knowing your Allies and Enemies! News, jokes, quotes, puzzles, and many many more! The next issue is our THIRD ANNIVERSARY ISSUE! Surprise cover for next issue! Very few copies in existence will be reproduced especially for this issue! Writers! Help us out and send us your articles--make #48 a great one!

BOYER QUOTE OF THE YEAR: Said at a recent Diplomacy game--one of dem few across them board games this publisher has ever played! "That does it! I've been screwed by too many women players in Diplomacy" (or words to that effect--said after being fooled and stabbed by a female player--have been fooled by every one so far!) January 25th, 1975, Ellicott City, MD.

GAME OPENINGS

Carn Dum #11, Raymond Heuer, 102-42 Jamaica Ave., Richmond Hill, NY 11418. Mimeo. Has openings in Origins, and minor power positions in 30 Years War, either for GF of \$5. Wolf-pack tourney fees is \$5.50. Says will GM any variant. Has openings and is trying to fill the following: 30 Years War, Excalibur, Wars of the Roses, Downfall, etc., Westphalia VIII. Sub rate is 8/\$2.

Quo Vadis, #43, Dick Vedder, 1451 N. Warren, Tucson, AZ 85719. Ditto. Has openings in Downfall/Return (a tolkein variant). GF is apparently continuous sub plus \$2.00 for refundable fee if you don't drop out. Sub rate is 10/\$2.00. Maps and rules available for D4 and J2 at :25¢ each (don't ask me what they are).

Claw & Fang, #46, Don Horton, 16 Jordan Ct., Sacramento, CA 95826. Has openings in reg. dippy. GF is \$2.00, plus a sub. Sub rate is 10/\$2. Ditto.

Speculum, #12, Dave Kadlecsek, 1447 Sierra Creek Way, San Jose, CA 95132. Has openings in reg. dippy (GF \$1.50 plus sub), Third Age, same rate; Youngstown (GF \$2.00 plus sub), Fish's Delight (GF is just sub). Ditto. Sub is 10/\$2.00.

Brainwave, ??, Don Efron, 1823 Dacotah, Windsor, Ontario, CANADA N8Y 1S4. Ditto. Has openings in reg. dippy, Youngstown, Starlord--GF for each is \$3.00 plus sub. Sub is \$3.00/year. U.S. subbers/players can use checks or money orders.

Arrakis, #43, David Head (nominal head for group of people), Box 1231, Huntsville, Ont., Canada POA 1K0. Mimeo. Has openings in reg. dippy at fee of \$6.00 or \$5.00 for IDA members. See Head for that deal. Sub is 1¢ per page plus postage, sned lump sum--they will keep track.

IDA HANDBOOK 1974

The 1974 IDA Diplomacy Handbook is still on sale at \$2.00 for members of IDA and \$3.00 for non-members. 80 pages crammed with articles on various subjects on the game and of the hobby. Send check made out to IDA to John Boyer, address above. Mailed 3rd class.

NEWS OF THE DIPLOMACY HOBBY

Well, let's see now. There isn't that much to report on except in the area of plugs and private efforts....

Letters to John Beshara have further cleared up many mysteries in my mind about TDA. For whatever it is and for whatever it stands for, it is an operating organization and it is providing some services. Many could complain about it being dominated by Mr. Beshara, but then it is an admitted private organization funded in part by Mr. Beshara's own funds. Their \$1.00 membership dues is lower than that of IDA's, but they don't have to publish an organizational newsletter--not being a democratic organization. As it is, it is a private effort with people who think alike trying to do what they think needs to be done. If you don't like to be bothered about elections, whether someone is usurping your powers, etc. and just want to join a "club" organization, then TDA will do for you.

The Diplomacy Association is the hobby's first organization open to everyone. Since its inception in 1971, TDA has maintained its membership fee at a nominal dollar a year. Checks should be made payable and mailed to:

THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION
c/o Mr. John J. Beshara
155 West 68th St.
New York, NY 10023

In contrast, the IDA (International Diplomacy Association) is a democratic organization, also open to all, but designed to operate on democratic principles, i.e., elect officials to lead the efforts to provide services, etc. This organization was founded in 1972. Its membership has also been steady at \$2.00 ever since its inception. However, for the extra dollar, members do get the organizational newsletter, Diplomacy Review.

I was the Editor since 1972 having stepped down this year. The new Editor is Gil Neiger of New York. If you want to join IDA, send your \$2.00 membership dues made out to International Diplomacy Association to:

Walter Buchanan, IDA VP/Treas.
R.R. #3
Lebanon, IN 46052

Both organizations are working in their own way to provide services and products. One of IDA products has been the production

of the 1974 Handbook--a collection of articles by some of the best writers in this hobby. The IDA also provide services in game insurance, and has several committees working on the problems of the hobby.

My concern is that there are little or no duplication of efforts between TDA and IDA. The people have their choice of organizations and can belong to either or both. I for myself have recently rejoined TDA. My personal preference, from long association with IDA, is of course for IDA, but that doesn't mean that IDA and TDA can't work together to help keep the hobby functioning smoothly.

There is little news on Gordon Anderson and his El Conquistador. Unsupported rumors indicate he is having financial problems, but whatever the case, I have not heard from any source of El Con coming out. In fact, I have heard of one source stating that it has not come out.

The hobby does face problems such as these gamezines folding with the orphaning of many games. The problem is accentuated by the fact that orphans are not easily relocated in new homes since most publishers have already filled their own zines with games. As an example I am now currently running 14 games with one more to start fairly soon. Then, I'm hoping to get a demonstration game going of some of the best known players with the best records possible. Then again, I'm also running a non-dippy game of Bull Run. So, if I were to go kaput, you can see the problems that would arise. My demise would affect 15 games and some 75 players and two gamezines. So, it is a problem which seems to have no easy solutions.

Local news are that I will be working overtime for this and the next month at the least. Maybe a third month of overtime will be needed at work, but whatever it will mean I will be busier than usual. This may or may not affect quality of the gamezines I'm publishing. It should not, but I will not be able to publish between weekends. Thus, if I am sick like I was during the Valentine/Geo. Washington holidays, I can't publish and the publication will have to wait until the next open publishing slot (in this case it was next weekend--the zine being effected being the Calhoun Awards Committee zine.)

I bought a new VW car--this one's called the RABBIT. So, you could say I traded my bug for a rabbit (laugh). It is very nice and gets up to 38 mpg. With the automatic and extra weight from soundproofing, I'm not

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NEWBLOOD #9, Announcement

NATIONS OF EUROPE ELECT WAR LEADERS TO LEAD!

Preference Chart:

Johnson	<u>E</u> <u>R</u> <u>I</u> <u>F</u> <u>T</u> <u>A</u> <u>G</u>
Carlton	<u>E</u> <u>F</u> <u>T</u> <u>G</u> <u>R</u> <u>I</u> <u>A</u>
Carson	<u>E</u> <u>T</u> <u>F</u> <u>I</u> <u>G</u> <u>R</u> <u>A</u>
Goldston	<u>R</u> <u>F</u> <u>G</u> <u>T</u> <u>E</u> <u>A</u> <u>I</u>
Morphy	<u>T</u> <u>R</u> <u>E</u> <u>I</u> <u>G</u> <u>F</u> <u>A</u>
Bettencourt	<u>T</u> <u>I</u> <u>E</u> <u>F</u> <u>A</u> <u>R</u> <u>G</u>
Eddy	<u>T</u> <u>E</u> <u>F</u> <u>R</u> <u>G</u> <u>I</u> <u>A</u>

Choices underlined are those assigned to their respective players. Unique choices were awarded in all cases and ties for others were decided by coin flips.

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SPRING 1901 Orders are due Friday, March 21, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

This long deadline is our standard practice in giving all an ample amount of time to get used to the fact they're in a postal game and to contact, if desired, all the other players. Besides, this is the only way I can lengthen over the usual 3 weeks. And, having a bad case of nerves should start a few wars! Drool.

1970BJ, Autumn & Winter 1914 and Draw Vote

EUROPEAN POWER REJECTS BID FOR PEACE! WEDDING OF AUSTRIAN EMPEROR AND MUSCOVITE TO GO ON!

Autumn 1914: Italy R F Nwg-OTB

Winter 1915:

AUSTRIA(Beyerlein): B A Bud

ENGLAND(Keller): SP

GERMANY(Mahler): SP

ITALY(Phillips): B F Nap, A Rom (disbanded retreating unit in Aut '14)

RUSSIA(Kelly): SP, no open home centers

VOTE ON 5-WAY DRAW: Austria-No; England, Germany, Italy and Russia-Yes. Defeated.

SPRING 1915 Orders are due Friday, March 21, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1914 Positions:

Austria: A Mun, A Sil, A Boh, A Tyr, A Tri, A Vie, A Alb, A Gre, A Bul, A Mos, A Bud (11);
England: F Lon (1); Germany: A Ber, A Kie, F Nth, F Eng (4); Italy: F Adr, A Ven, A Mar, A Par, A Bur, A Bel, F Mid, F Nat, F Lvp, F Nap, A Rom (11); Russia: A StP, F Nwy, F Nwg, A Wal, F Cly (5--2 short).

Press--

The Hun with his fingers crossed: As the Supreme Commander of the Federated Minor Powers, we have made the following decision on the deployment of the Russian, German, and English forces (and have told the major powers of the decision): If Austria votes yes, then we continue to attack Italy (unless he's also voted yes in which case the game should be over). If Italy votes no, then we'll continue to attack him without mercy. If Austria votes no and Italy votes yes then we'll attack Austria. All we want is a 5-way draw.

1972BG, Spring 1914

REVOLT PUTS NEW RULER IN AUSTRIA BUT RUSSIANS BEGIN THEIR NEW SPRING OFFENSIVES! WAR!!!

Note: Ball has resigned for lack of time. Ron Kelly, #210, 225 Virginia Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20061, has taken over Austria effective this season. The lack of advance notice hurts Austria more than anyone else, so be it.

AUSTRIA(Kelly): A Sev-Arm, A Mos-Sev/r/(Ukr, War, OTB), A Ser-Alb, A Bud-Ser,
(cont. next page)

A Rum S A Mos-Sev, A Ruh-Bur, A Mun S
A Ruh-Bur, A War-Gal, A Vie-Tyr, A Tri
 S A Vie-Tyr, A Kie S A Mun/r (Ber, OTB)
F Bul (ec)-Con

ENGLAND(Swies): F Mid-Spa(sc), F Nat-Mid
 ITALY(Hrbek): F Iri-Mid, F Lvp-Cly, F Nth-
Nwg, A Par-Gas, A Pic S A Bur, A Bur S
A Tyr-Mun, A Tyr-Mun, A Ven-Tyr, A Pie S
A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven, F Bla-Sev, F Ank-
Arm, F Aeg-Con, A Gre-Ser
 RUSSIA(Fish): A Den-Kie, A Hol S A Den-Kie,
 F Bel S A Hol, A Liv-Mos, A StP S A Liv-
 Mos

SUMMER & FALL 1914 Orders are due Friday,
 March 21, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

1972BW, Fall 1914

WESTERN ALLIANCE GAIN CRUCIAL REINFORCEMENTS

Note: A player has asked about House Rule
 #46. The center count has changed for the
 last three years, but if the center count do
 not change for any three years in a row,
 then the GM will declare the game a draw. ~~Take~~
 Take notice.

FRANCE(DePrisco): F Bar H, F Nwg S F Bar, F
Nth S F Nwg, F Hel S F Nth, A Hol S Ita
A Kie, A Ruh S Ita A Kie, A Bel S A Ruh,
A Bur-Mun, A Pie S Ita A Ven, F Mid-Wes
 GERMANY(Davies): A Swe S Rus A Den, A Ber-Kie
 ITALY(Swies): A Kie S Fra A Bur-Mun, A Ven
S F Apu, F Apu S F Tun-Ion/a/, F Nap S
F Tun-Ion, F Tun-Ion
 RUSSIA(Knudsen): A Den S Ger A Ber-Kie, A
Sil S A Mun, A Mun S Ger A Ber-Kie, A
Tyr S Tur A Tri-Ven, A Vie S A Tyr, F
Nwy S F Ska, F Ska S F Nwy, F StP(nc) S
F Nwy, F Bal S A Den, F Sev-Bla
 TURKEY(Abbott): A Tri-Ven, A Ser-Tri F Ion-
Apu, F Adr S F Ion-Apu, A Boh S Rus A
Mun, F Gre S F Aeg-Ion, F Aeg-Ion

Proposal for 4-way draw has been proposed by
 France. However, this cannot take place
 unless the fifth power has been eliminated
 (Germany). Consequently, after second thoughts
 I will not ask for the draw as GM. It has to
 be a 5-way draw as long as there are 5 powers
 on the board.

WINTER 1914 and SPRING 1915 Orders are due
 Friday, March 21, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.
 Spring 1915 can be made conditional on the
 Winter orders for 1914.

Fall 1914 Supply Center Chart:

France: Hom, Bel, Spa, Por, Hol, Lvp, Lon,
 Edi (10) SP
 Germany: ~~Den~~, Ber, Swe (2) SP
 Italy: Hom, Tun, Kie (5) Bl, lost 1 F '14
 Russia: Hom, Nwy, ~~Swe~~, Rum, Bud, Vie, Mun,
 Den (10) SP
 Turkey: Hom, Gre, Bul, Ser, Tri (7) SP

1973BU, Autumn & Fall 1918 Postponed!

Due to the Canadian strike, I am forced
 to postpone this game's deadline. ~~John~~
 Ireland lives in the affected area.

AUTUMN & FALL 1918 Orders are due Friday,
 March 21, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

1973Ddl, Winter 1023

WAR SLOWS DOWN WHILE MUNSTER REBUILDS FORCES

Error: Kymru owns Cardigan, not Scotland as
 reported last ish. Thus, Kymru need not
 remove and Scotland doesn't get a build.

Winter 1023:

KYMRU(Gemignani): SP
 LEINSTER(Fujihara): SP
 MUNSTER(Fanelli): B F Tra, A Cas
 ORKNEY(Keller): SP
 SCOTLAND(Tonnesen): SP

SPRING 1024 Orders are due Friday, March 21,
 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1023 Positions:

Kymru: A Wic, A Car (2); Leinster: A Lei,
 A Mea, A Kil, F SIS (4); Munster: ~~A Wex~~,
 F Tua, F GaB, A Tyr, F Tra, A Cas (6); Orkney:
 F WMi, F IAT, F Sli, A Ros, A Don, A Bre, A
 Oma, F Arm, F SIS, F Mid (10); Scotland: A
 Gwe, A Bue, F MoB, A Mon, A Bar, F NSG, A Dun,
 F Dub, F Man, F Iri, A Ang, F Law, A Sut, F
 Isl (14)

Press--

Kymru: The arrest of the Great Stoned Stone
 was again featured in the Chatter Choppers.
 The reporter stated: This time the old boy
 really did it big, he's in for murder. Hit
 the town drunk sleeping off his nightly binge
 in the front office. Must be a nut, he had
 thrown this big slab through our window,
 missed the editor, hit the drunk and then the
 stone stab was all written up with this dirty
 talk. Poor Mrs. Stone and little stones.

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Stonehenge: The big news for today was the total and utter destruction of the offices of the local paper, Chatter Choppers. It seems that the earth quaked in the area right under the building and after that stopped, what remained of the building was crushed under a hail of large stones. From where the stones came, none knew, but it was a most frightening sight to behold. All the equipment used to print the paper was destroyed and everyone in the building--according to the police investigations--that included all the workers and the editor himself--were killed. The town will be without a paper until new equipment is brought in from the outside, but with the war going on, it was admitted that it won't be until after the war is over. Meanwhile, a strange sight was seen in the temple section of the town. There it was reported that the Great Stone was standing as usual in the usual spot, but instead of being one big piece of stone, he appeared to have been broken up into thousands of smaller pieces. At last report the Great Stone was reportedly to be healing, that is, returning to being one piece of stone.

1974HN, Winter 1901

COUNTRIES ARE BUSY BUILDING AND RASING THEIR ARMED FORCES FOR THE ENSUING STRUGGLES! WAR!

AUSTRIA(Osmanson): B A Bud, A Tri
 ENGLAND(Fujihara): B F Lon
 FRANCE(McKeon): B F Bre
 GERMANY(Kelly): B A Mun, F Ber
 ITALY(Tonnesen): B A Ven
 RUSSIA(Blank): B A StP
 TURKEY(Davies): B F Smy

SPRING 1902 Orders are due Friday, March 21, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1901 Positions:

Austria: A Vie, A Ser, F Gre, A Bud, A Tri (5);
 England: F Nwy, A Yor, F Nth, F Lon (4);
 France: F Iri, A Spa, A Bur, F Bre (4);
 Germany: A Sil, A Hol, F Den, A Mun, F Ber (5);
 Italy: A Boh, A Tun, F Ion, A Ven (4);
 Russia: F Bot, F Rum, A Sev, A War, A StP (5);
 Turkey: A Arm, F Aeg, A Bul, F Smy (4)

1974HY, Fall 1901

LONDON AND VIENNA ARE SACKED BY ENEMY FORCES!

COA: Wayne Callahan, Mobile Village, 735 S.

James St., Lot #2, Rome, NY 13440.

Fall 1901:

AUSTRIA(Callahan): A Tri H, A Ser S F Alb-Gre, F Alb-Gre
 ENGLAND(Harsney): A Edi-Nwy, F Nth C A Edi-Nwy, F Nwg S A Edi-Nwy
 FRANCE(McLendon): F Eng-Lon, A Pic-Bel, A Mar-Spa
 GERMANY(Fanelli): F Den H, A Kie-Hol, A Ruh S A Kie-Hol
 ITALY(Kendter): A Ven H, A Nap-Tun, F Ion C A Nap-Tun
 RUSSIA(Gallagher): F Bot-Swe, A StP-Fin, A Gal-Vie, F Sev-Rum
 TURKEY(Cooper): A Bul-Rum, A Con-Bul, F Ank-Bla

WINTER 1901 Orders are due Friday, March 21, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1901 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gre (4) B1
 England: Lon, Edi, Lvp, Nwy (3) SP
 France: Hom, Spa, Lon, Bel (6) B3
 Germany: Hom, Hol, Den (5) B2
 Italy: Home, Tun (4) B1
 Russia: Hom, Vie, Swe (6) B2
 Turkey: Hom, Bul (5) B1

Press--

Northern Unfree Press: It seems to us that the situation down south is really a mess. While Austria and Italy are trying to co-exist peacefully, Turkey & One in North are going against Russia together. What a mix-up.
France: The King of France joins with his neighbor, Germany, in carrying the battle to King Harsney and his Knights of the Square Table. We will hit him even in his home castle, Stablot. The rest of Europe will be able to breathe again when this menace has been dealt justice.

Syria: "Wake up, sir." "Eh, what's this?"
 "We're starting, sir." "Eh, starting what?"
 "Sir, we're entering world politics!" "Oh, that's right, isn't it? Oh, never mind; let's get on with it then." "What are your orders, sir?" "Orders? Orders, orders; ah..yes... MOVE OUT!" "Er, ahem; sir, we've already moved out." "Moved out, eh? Well, then hold your positions and set up defenses." "Right sir; HOLD YOUR PO-" "Sergeant, cut that out!" "BELAY THAT OR-" "Seargeant, I said 'cut that out'; I can't get to sleep!" "STAND-" "Sergeant; you are FIRED!" "FIRE!" "Oh my God! What have you done?! Oh-" "Sir, the Tsar has sent a courier-message from Franz-Joseph, sir--the Pope is waiting for a reply-message from Germany, France, England, Monaco, (cont. next page)

Grand Fenwick...." "What'll I do?!" "Sir, the men are awaiting orders." "Orders be damned...Oh, I'm sorry sergeant. Uh, how about 'Shoot at anyone who shoots at you?'" "That'll be fine, sir, but may I suggest 'Return fire?'" "Yes, of course; do as you wish. Sergeant, when all this madness is over with I think I'll just go to sleep; but right now I think I'll take a nap." "Yes sir." Impassable: One biography is enough!

1975G, Spring 1901

TURKS TAKE BLACK SEA AS WAR OPENS IN EUROPE!

Note: HRs will be sent fairly soon. Have patience, please.

COA: Alex Sabo, Glaser House, Box 140, 11900 Carlton Rd., Cleveland, OH 44106

Spring 1901:

AUSTRIA(Himmon): F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Tri

ENGLAND(Cooper): F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Lvp-Yor

FRANCE(Kirk): F Bre-Eng, A Par-Bur, A Mar-Spa

GERMANY(Amer): A Mun-Ruh, A Ber-Kie, F Kie-Den

ITALY(Young): A Ven H, A Rom-Nap, F Nap-Ion

RUSSIA(Sabo): F Sev-Rum, A War-Gal, A Mos-StP, F StP(sc)-Bot

TURKEY(Kendter, Jr.): F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con

FALL 1901 Orders are due Friday, March 21, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press--

Impassable: Press may be submitted with any set of orders and be printed at that time.

FRANCE: Confusion reigns. A war is supposed to start but no one seems to know who is on whose side. Alliances are tendered and later withdrawn. Only one thing is clear...there are too many countries involved. Somebody has to go.

Impassable: Standing on the side is no problem. I just watch the action as it develops. I don't have to do any worrying, do I?

Anonymous to Italy: Beware of the Ides of March!

St. Petersburg, 20 Feb. 1901: Today Czar Nicholas II proclaimed his nephew Alexander IV heir apparent and Minister of War. He also issued a demand to the U.S. that they immediately cede Lake Erie and surrounding land to the Russian people, embodied by

himself. He was obviously tripping agin. Sevastopol, 18 March, 1901: The third fleet was sent today on a routine training mission to Rumania. They were ordered to imprison the government and capture for the crown. It is rumored that Marksists had infiltrated that country.

Impassable: Third fleet???

1975T (Formerly Experienced Game #3)

A Boardman Number has been given to this game by Douglas Beyerlein and it fits to a "T", heh, heh. Despite the Canadian strike in their postal system, I am hoping to stick with the deadline for Spring 1901.

SPRING 1901 Orders are due Friday, March 21, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T. (*See below)

NEWS OF THE HOBBY, CONTINUED

getting 38 mpg. I'm doing about 33-34 mpg., but I would think I have been driving a bit to racy what with the thrill of a new car. But, it should improve some, I think. If anyone out there with a Bug and wants a new car, I heartily recommend looking into getting a Rabbit! The color? A flashy Chrome Yellow. It does stand out in a parking lot and people have walked up to me asking about the car and I have seen others look at it while I was in the stores. So, the Rabbit must be appealing to quite a few people! (Including my boss who currently owns a Cadillac)

I no longer have any publicized openings and the only ones are the few left in my last newblood game which is being filled only via newblood people and the IDA Novice Packet people.

Next issue will hopefully be bigger than usual as it will be the third anniversary issue for Impassable (and of Chapel Hill Publications). I will have completed three consecutive years of publishing. A special cover will be printed and it will be surprising I hope for all of you.

I need articles for the special issue and those of you who have written for me in the past are being begged to write something special for this upcoming issue!

In three years I will have published 48 issues of Impassable. That record would have been better if it weren't for the problems I had during 1974. As it stands that averages out to 3.25 weeks between issues which is pretty good "regularity" in publishing. #end#
(*Press on page 10, col 2)

NORTH AMERICAN DIPLOMACY PLAYERS' SURVEY NO. 1

PART ONE OF THE RESULTS

by Lewis Pulsipher

Anyone may reprint the following in whole or part. This is late for a number of reasons. First, I couldn't do anything with results until after finals and Christmas. Then I wanted to get NADPS #2 out in Diplomacy World, and I didn't want to get #2 out until results of #1 were printed somewhere, so I wrote an article for DW. When I got back to school I found an unpleasant surprise. When Edi Birsan decided that he wanted the British to do something similar to the NADPS, I told him that I would not count the thing; I told the same to Pete Swanson, who directed the survey in Britain; but the forms were sent to me anyway, uncounted. Fortunately there were only 28, and since I had not typed up the results for the NA version, I decided to tally the British piecemeal (total time was 3+ hours, and I had no intention of taking that much time all at one shot). So the results follow, with overseas (actually European) results in double parentheses unless otherwise shown. Let me make it absolutely clear that I will not tally overseas ballots again. The only means I have for retaining my sanity is to count a few forms a day, which I cannot do for Europe. Moreover, if the British think surveys are worth doing, then they ought to think they're worth counting. If they don't feel like going to the trouble of it, why should I? If the British want to work out something to let Birsan count them, that's fine with me.

Something I've learned through surveys is that people don't read very thoroughly. Another is that a lot of people like to make little cracks--"dumb question", "meaningless", "poor organization"--not constructive criticism, not anything that includes a suggestion about how to do better, just bad-mouthing. This is something one has to live with in the knowledge that most people think any question is ok even if a few don't. You should see the questions I reject!

If someone wants me to correlate between two results (non-mathematically, i.e.) then give me your reasons and I'll try to do so this summer. There will be no NADPS (at least, not by me) this summer. I hope that some people will do special interest surveys at that time.

I am giving results in very abbreviated form, little more than raw scores. For more details see DW 1-6.

Response: 156 males, 2 females ((28 males)). Chronological list with zine, publisher and number of replies: Blood and Iron (Pulsipher), Boast (Barents), CITEX and private distribution, total of 48. Impassable (Boyer) 30, Shaaft (Phillips) 3. People's City (Correll) 3. Yggdrasill Chronicle (Wood and Van De Graaf) 3. Diplomacy Review (IDA and Boyer) 25. Ruritania (Watson) 3. Arrakis (Leeder) 7, Diplomacy World (Buchanan) 16. Graustark (Boardman) 13. Cimmeria (Nozik) 3. Lord of Hosts (Sacks) 1. ((Queen Victoria's Funeral (Swanson) 7, ?? (presumably Retief) (Craig Nye) 21.))

18 Canadians, 140 Americans ((27 British, 1 European (Dane)). Mean age 23.94 ((27.2)), median 24 ((23-24)), oldest 45 ((56)), youngest 14 ((16)). Mean years of education 14.79 ((13.9)), median 15 ((13)). Just under half are students ((under 1/3)). Next most common occupations: military officer and computer work 6. Only 4 lawyers, 3 teachers, 4 government workers, 1 MD. ((Only occupations mentioned more than once, teacher and systems analyst (2). Funniest "failed revolutionary".))

Organization membership 84 IDA, 10 TDA, 20 MGA, 7 AHIKS, 6 AWA, 6 SICL, 3 USCF, 3 NGC, few miscellaneous, 39 none. ((8 IDA, 23 NGC, 2 AHIKS, 2 Mensa Dip, 3 none.)) Year began postal play 74-31, 73-41, 72-29, 71-17, 70-4, 69-5, 66-68--9, 62-65--4. ((74-6, 73-4, 70, 72 each 2, 12 not listed.)) For variants 73 nearly outnumbered all other with 35, only 74 and 72 included more than 5. ((British virtually all not said because so many over there don't use Miller Numbers.)) 49 GM's, 33 publishers. ((7 GM-publishers.)) Median age of publishers 24, median of non-publishing GM's 26. (median 25-26.))

"What interested you in Diplomacy" Friend 91 ((11)), saw in store 19 ((7)), Dipzine 8 ((1)), wargamezine 31 ((1)), ad 11 ((3)), also ((newspaper 1, Games and Puzzles 2)). Same about postal Dip: friend 52 ((6)), Dipzine 24 ((3)), wargamezines 31 ((3)), flyer in game 48 ((10)) also ((np and G&P as above)).

PART TWO NEXT ISSUE!

GETTING TO KNOW

YOUR ALLIES AND ENEMIES, PART TWO

This is Part Two of the biographies submitted by the players in the CHP Entry Form. This part begins with Game 1975G.
GAME 1975G:

William Young: Age 51. Lawyer. Married, 3 children ages 23, 21 and 15. Other interests: women, travel, money. Other hobbies: postal chess, beagling, hunting, bridge, golf.

J. L. Kirk: For 31 years I have been a crab. Postal Diplomacy is the perfect way for a crab to socialize. I abhor small talk and can't be bothered to match my socks and coordinate my tie, all of which Lisa and social functions require. A degree in Political Science and Economics from M.I.T. and a Masters in Systems Analysis serve as my claws and pincers at the Securities and Exchange Commission where I operate from a secluded back room. Semi-pro Ice Hockey and Cut-Throat Squash tournaments are other ways in which I share my charming disposition with society, darting sideways with talent and skill to victory.

Thomas F. Cooper: I was born of humble parents whose total aggregate income was below the \$100,000.00 level. I had to ride a bus, rain or shine, 8 miles to my private school. I was two years old before I had even set foot in my father's airplane; I was six before I had flown overseas. I was sixteen before I recieved my first car; Oberlin College is an intermediate stop on my Lincoln-esque road to greatness.

I am extremely intelligent; I am ruthless and cunning, while at the same time I'm fair and compassionate. I am a math-psychology major, every department in the College is anxiously awaiting the time when I will take one of its courses.

I have a coldly handsome, almost cruel face, my hair is long, but not too long. I have a he-man body: my arms are as big as the average man's legs. Every girl that has ever seen me is madly in love with me--don't ask me why, it's just me.

In spite of these handicaps I will go forth and attain what I believe to be my manifest destiny: to become the emperor and benevolent despot of Europe.

Alex R. Sabo: Once upon a time, some twenty years ago last June first, I was born. I consider this perhaps the most important event of my life. It shaped the later events as nothing else could have. From then on though, everything went downhill.

Seriously folks, things went rather well. I passed through elementary and secondary education at an above average level, but nothing spectacular. I entered Case Western Reserve University in the Fall of 1972, and promptly flunked out in the winter of 1974. (I said things went downhill!) Presently I am in the masonry department of Youngstown Sheet and Tube working as a brick-layer helper to earn some tuition money before I try college again. I'm entering this postal game to while away time between breaks at work.

I was initially told about Diplomacy by my dippy cousin who played it in high school in some class. Some time later, I was invited by an acquaintance to a game (they were desperate for players). In my first game I tied for first. Like all else, that record too has gone downhill.

After that game, I became most interested in most all wargames and have presently four Avalon Hill games (anyone interested in PBM Stalingrad, write!). I'm afraid that the hobby might bankrupt me, though. The games I buy just make me want to buy others and more zines, too. Ah, well.

I play the clarinet (badly) and chess (well). I'm interested in most all music and all science fiction. I'm also a Trekker (Star Trek fanatic) and will probably be at the '75 convention in New York. Will I see any of you there? ((Let me know when it is? Editor))

As for this game, let's have a good clean fight. That means no messy stabs. Anything else can be tolerated.

Mike D. Hinmon:

Let ye all beware,
the clan of Hinmon
is strong yet fair,
and of the Baron
one cannot tell
for his closest companion
is mystery.

Allan Amer: Age 25, MBA in Finance, CPA. Interested in world conquests, travel, and sports. Diplomacy, chess, and simulations of war conflicts have always been a way of easing tensions. Really prefer not to have an autobiography printed, but who cares?

GAME 1975T:

John Hulland: Age: 16 years, 9+ months. Education: In Grade 11, and taking--Theatre Arts, History, Computer Science, Physics, English, Chemistry, French, Math. Other Interests: You name it! Particularly
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interested in the female species, and specifically a certain French Canadian one!

Why Dip? I saw an ad for Graustark in S & T and read Walker's articles on same, and I thought--"Why not?" What a mistake!

Personal: Actually I'm--(Gasp)--A Nationalistically minded Canadian (Also known as a 'Nuk') with Scottish roots (I was born in Edinburgh, Scotland) and am a fanatical supporter of the SNP.

((Please forgive my intruding here, but I cannot forget that I learned something once, in psychology which was very interesting--the fact that your most nationalistic people are foreigners who moved to a new country!))

Howard Mahler: At 23 years old I've been playing postal Diplomacy for 2½ years; my first game was the first game started in this gamezine ((He mean IMPASSABLE, folks!!)). I'm a graduate student in Math here at Princeton and I'm working hard to write my thesis for the Ph.D degree. My hobbies, besides going home to New York for face to face Diplomacy, include bridge, amateur astronomy, and reading science fiction.

Timothy Kutta: I am twenty-two years old. A college graduate with a Liberal Arts degree in History. I was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marines in June of last year. Since then I have been at the Marine Corps Base Quantico which is the education center for the Marine Corps. I have been playing Diplomacy for many years now although I've never been with a magazine that finished a game. I am also interested in any other wargames on the market. I've been playing AH games and Simulation Publication's games since I was thirteen. I am not native to the south. In fact, I live about one-hundred miles east of you in Allentown, Pa. I attended college at Lock Haven State College and many of my fraternity brothers are from the Harrisburg Area.

Jim Lawson: I am 16 years old and in Grade 12 at the local high school. I have been playing postal Diplomacy for about 2 years now. I am presently in 6 games depending on how many you consider orphaned. I am a member of the IDA novice committee. I have approx. 50 wargames but my main interest is in fantasy gaming; in particular JRR Tolkien games and miniatures. I intend on trying to run a fantasy game postally some time in the future, (this would be more complicated than Diplomacy), but I am working on how to do it at the moment. I do not have any real plans for the future but my main interest outside

wargaming is debating in which I am fairly good (but I won't brag(?)).

Harry Drews: No way, mister! I prefer to do all my dirty dealings from behind a blank facade of obscurity. ((OK, guys, here's your marked man. Now, go get him! Hah, heh, drool....now you'll see the power of my blackmailing, Harry.))

AND NOW, DROOL, FOR THE EXCITING STORY OF YOUR GAMESMASTER! (Boo, hiss, cough! Gag!!)

John H. Boyer: Born 1947 in Elizabeth NJ. Lived in Linden and Cranford NJ, Philadelphia PA, and now in Carlisle, PA. Was born quite premature (before they perfected techniques to handle preemies) and born with club feet (which they corrected, but I didn't walk until I was 2½ years old) and poor hearing. Found out about my deafness in second grade and started carrying around in my two hands my hearing-aid. Fortunately, they got smaller each time I got a new one and now its behind my ear. A Johnny-come-lately on account of my hearing. Struggled through school with barely passing grades. Did better in College at Shippensburg State. Took a few post graduate courses, but lost interest when Nixon was elected. My major in college was Political Science with a concentration in Governmental Administration. Tried to get into government but found I wasn't: female, black, or a vet. So, got a job with a fast foods chain here locally. Quit when assigned to manage for two weeks straight without a day off. Finally found a job with present company, Pennsylvania Blue Shield. Am currently a statistician in the Actuary department--my third job with the company. Hope to continue being promoted.

In fantasy and gaming, I was a square until I entered college. With the grades being slightly easier to make, I was able to start thinking of other things. Thought of chess. Entered the college club only to lose all of my first 20 odd games to the only girl player. Finally I beat her and she quit the club. I went on to become their third board that year (freshman) and next year became their champ. Led frustrating years as club leader but leading a losing chess team (we never won while I was there--the closest was against a small religious college in a 10-man match in which we won the top four, drew the fifth board and lost the bottom five and the whole match). Bought AH Gettysburg game because I was interested in the civil war. Eventually became a wargamer.

But, my gaming career didn't really

start in full swing until after I graduated from college. I entered a few professional chess tournaments. Won a few, but lost interest in them because they seemed too blood thirsty and enough wasn't interested in playing for fun. Besides, there wasn't any local chess club to sustain my chess interests.

But, at one local tournament I ran into the infamous Big Brother: Charles Reinsel. He was also playing chess in the tournament. I whipped him on my way to taking first place and a nice trophy. He afterwards told us all (bragged) about Diplomacy, a game I had never heard of, but thought I had seen one time in a college dormitory. I was interested and so one day as I looked through a local game store about a year later, came across the game and bought it. That ended part one of my life.

The second part of my life began soon after the purchase of the game. I played for a year and after that became a publisher. By association with Diplomacy I picked up more in wargames, eventually getting S&T games to go with the AH games.

My other interests in life included piano which was my first hobby as such. The second was chess, the third was fish hobbyist. I still maintain all three and own a 30 gallon tank filled with tropical and local fish. I studied the piano as late as 1973, but gave up the lessons when Diplomacy began to take its toll of my free time.

I had other interests in sports such as table tennis (pretty good), golf (pretty poor), bowling (very good), softball (good, but frustrated), bicycling (do this a lot). I simply hate watching sports--can't stand sitting while seeing something move. But, Diplomacy eventually had me sitting after work and so now I'm virtually doing nothing but Diplomacy.

I have talents in music and the arts, have painted and drawn though I have never really tried for Diplomacy publications. I have some compositions for the piano, but none being worthy to mention (some day!). Read a hell of a lot too much for the good of my eyes. Read Science fiction and try to write, but don't have the patience to write a book. Also am in deeply on Civil War history and am an amateur history buff on the subject.

I am supposed to be very bright and they told me my high I.Q. which simply made me a brat. Took awhile to realize I wasn't the only bright guy around.

Oh well, Diplomacy has taken over my life which is mostly bad, but enough fun

has kept me going. But, I am ~~at~~ that point where I have realized the extent it has ruled my life. So, a 3-year plan is being put into effect to straighten my life out again! After that, you guys won't have me to kick around anymore....

Wasn't that interesting?

Next issue I will continue with the blackmailing, until then, just send the green stuff to the regular location for the pick-up--mind you, don't stick the cops on me!

1975T, Press for Winter 1900

Lakofka Lover: Come on guys, who's for starting a six-player game after 1902. For example:

Austria: Home, Ser, Bul, Rum (6)

England: Home, Nor, StF (5)

France: Home, Spa, Por, Bel (6)

Germany: Home, Hol, Den, Swe, War (7)

Italy: Home, Tun, Gre (5)

Turkey: Home, Sev, Mos (5)

Russia: The Spring has sprung

The grass has rize

I wonder where old Lenny is?

((Sorry, but I had overlooked this press!))

DIPPY WORLD

Chapter Five: On the march....

The morning's cloak scattered under the probing fingers of dawn's early light. The campfires, already doused, smoldered fitfully in their last gasps of life. The heavy baggage were stowed away on the pack animals, the animals ready to be led further down the road. The dusty road, a well-worn road made by thousands of feet impressions over the years, led through the parched, brown land of few living things, to the southern distant hills which could only be seen faintly through the haze of the morning fog. Soon, the party would be able to see their goal.

"Rats, BirSauron pushes us hard through this land. I wouldn't know what his hurry was!" complained a soldier. A fellow friend standing besides him replied laconically, "Would you rather be pushed by BirSauron or be eaten by the Treeticks?" The first soldier answered, "Does it always have to be such a hard choice?" The second laughed, "For me I'll take punishment from BirSauron any day!"

Across the road, a tent was being folded
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DIPPYWORLD, CONTINUED...

up for a pack animal to carry. The attendants were scurrying around in a hurry which was the mood of the whole party. A small group stood by themselves surveying the work of these men. They were the leaders of this expedition.

"Doug, it has been a week we have traveled. Far we have come and farther we have yet to go. What do you make of our future?" The voice, an eager voice, came from Howard. Howard was a relatively ordinary man. Not too tall, though taller than most, not too heavy of bone, but big enough to fight. He wore at this moment the battle dress of his people. The heavy chain of armor protecting his upper torso. The shield carried on the left with the long sword on his right. Howard presented more of a soldierly front than anything else, but in truth he was a respected mathematician. His voice was a trained one in the arts of persuasion--it was his secret weapon none now knew of....for he was saving it.

Doug took a second to pause and reflect on Howard's question and then, facing the distant mountains said, "I don't know. I only hope that we together are enough to do what we have set out to do." His mood was definitely subdued, but one could tell his spirit wasn't.

John, not overhearing the exact words, interrupted, "What was that?" Howard answered, "What do you think is in store for us on this expedition?" "Well, it can't be worse than dying in torture." As usual, John was being over melodramatic.

"What have we here?" BirSauron sauntered up to the trio wanting to get orders out to move the expedition on its eighth day of travel. "A party we don't have for, fellas. You John, order a guard out front. Doug, I want you to check the baggage and Howard, you come with me." Just as abruptly as BirSauron arrived, the meeting broke up.

The expedition slowly got under way on the road to the distant hills. Guards were sent out front and to the rear. The immediate land was not flat but rolling. Soon it would become more hilly and rocky, presenting more potential spots for ambushes. For they were nearing every day the land of the feared Treeticks. A week ago they had set out from the land of the Dorsai. They have not yet met any roving bands of the enemy and this was a big puzzle to them all. When they arrived at Dorsai, the expedition leaders learned that the people were enjoying a temporary lull from fighting with the Treeticks. No reports were heard while they

stayed in the town of Avon, the capital city of the Dorsai Kingdom. Francis the Lion-Hearted recruited a small army of willing soldiers from his peaceful people to augment the forces from the Council. They would provide the experience and tactics needed to fight the Treeticks. Together it was hoped they would be able to defeat the Treeticks, or at least inflict severe losses to gain time for further mobilizing of the dippydom's forces. Pulsipher the Prophet had prophesized doom if failure should succeed and the Council were determined not to fail.

Marching along the road, BirSauron was continuing his talk with Francis the Lion-Hearted and Howard.

"This lack of resistance, Francis, is this typical of the Treeticks?" "No, it is not, my friend. They are ferocious and harbor hatred beyond our human capacity. They would not have stopped fighting if they didn't have to. But, this peaceful march of ours, I would surmise, cannot continue much longer." Francis paused and looked to the East. "Look! BirSauron, do you see something up on those low hills?" Instantly at the ready, BirSauron looked in the direction Francis pointed. He was an instant dynamo of action and orders.

"Halt! There are Treeticks to the East! Prepare for Battle! Deploy in square formation!" Before he could finish the battle was joined and the ambush was on....

--to be continued

IMPASSABLE'S HISTORY COURSE

Part Two--Spain

((Our readers will remember the four-part series on Poland. With this issue we will begin our second national history course with a study of Spain. We hope you'll enjoy reading the crap. Ed.))

Spain, Span. España, sovereign state (194,449 sq. mi.; pop. c. 30,817,000, incl. Balearic and Canary Islands), SW Europe; cap. Madrid. In Africa Spain has Spanish Sahara, Spanish Guinea, and Ifni. Continental Spain occupies Iberian peninsula except Portugal and Andorra. It stretches from Pyrenees (boundary with France) and the Bay of Biscay in the N to the Strait of Gibraltar in the S. It has a long Mediterranean coast in the E and SE. Atlantic shores in the NW and the SW. Central Spain is a vast plateau, the Meseta Central, between the Cantabrian Mts. in the N and the Sierra

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SPANISH HISTORY, CONT.

Morena in the S. It is cut by mountains; (notably the Sierra de Guadarrama) and river valleys (Douro, Tagus, Guadiana). N of the Meseta the Ebro flows to the Mediterranean. In the S the climate is subtropical; the great river is the Guadalquivir. Spanish products are mostly agriculture--citrus fruit, olives, grapes (such wines as sherry and Malaga are well known), vegetables, cork, and cereals. Much of the soil of the Meseta, however, has been exhausted by sheep grazing and poor care. From the mountains come various minerals (eg., copper, iron), and fishing is a major industry on the coasts. Industry has been developed particularly around Madrid, around Barcelona, and in the NW (Basque Provs.). Though there are strong elements of unity in Spain (e.g., Roman Catholicism is at least nominally almost universal), there are regional variations. The standard language is Castillian Spanish, but there are dialects. In two regions (Catalonia and the Basque Provinces) non-Spanish languages are spoken, and there have been many moves to autonomy or independence. Other regional divisions are more or less related to medieval kingdoms and historical provinces, among them: Andalusia, Aragon, Asturias, Old and New Castile, Extremadura, Galicia, Leon, Murcia, Navarre, Valencia

PART TWO IN NEXT ISSUE: Spain before the conquest of America.

All our inventions have endowed material forces with intellectual life, and degraded human life into a material force.

--karl Marx, Speech 1856

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IMPASSABLE PUZZLE #34

The following puzzle is for poets and mathematicians. See if you can figure out the correct answer? The solution will be given in next issue!

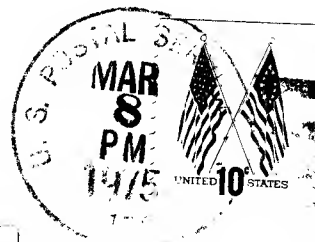
I place a bowl into the storm
To catch the drops of rain;
A half a globe was just its form,
Two feet across the same.
The storm was o'er, the tempest past,
I to the bowl repaired;
Six inches deep the water stood,
It being measured fair.
Suppose a cylinder, whose base
Two feet across within,
Had stood exactly in that place,
What would the depth have been?
Have fun, people! Heh, heh, drool....

NOTICE.....NOTICE.....

The writer of Solitary Confinement says he will return in next issue with another exciting chapter--hold on tight! ((I just hope enough readers are able to stay awake on my own series, Dippyworld! Heh? Hey! Wake up....snore.....))

ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!

Yes, absolutely free is right! If you own the game, Bull Run by SPI and you would like to be a stand-by in case a player in my postal BR game drops out, let me know! I won't charge you a penny! And, I'll send you a free copy of the rules! Hurry!



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